

28 MAY 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with NCPC Representatives, 12 May 1981

1. The following people attended the meeting:

CIA

NCPC

Bob Gresham
George Evans



The meeting was arranged by [redacted] at the request of the undersigned. The purpose was to obtain early counsel on how to proceed with the NCPC approval process.

2. The NCPC representatives were advised that the DCI was receptive to a new study of consolidation on the Langley compound. As a result, the BPS had been established to do the new analysis and had recognized the need to seek NCPC opinion on any new proposal before placing a construction decision before the DCI. It was emphasized that a construction decision has not been made and therefore we were interested in avoiding unnecessary publicity with attendant reactions until such time as it was warranted.

3. Mr. Gresham advised that a modification of the Commission review process was now in effect. By original procedures, formal preliminary and final reviews of the Master Site Plan were necessary. Due to the volume of preliminary reviews and the questionable benefits experienced, the Commission is currently insisting upon a final review only. In terms of Agency planning, this should occur in early January 1982.

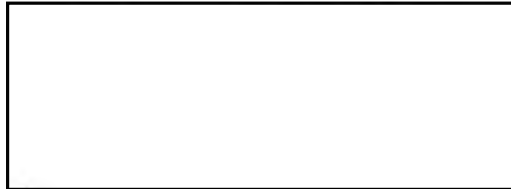
4. Mr. Gresham did emphasize the desirability of approaching the Commission in a less formal fashion earlier in the planning. Because of the significant turnover in Commission members, an information presentation sometime later this summer would alert them to our planning and provide initial reactions helpful in guiding the preparation of the final plan.

5. We were advised to carefully examine our approach to the environmental impact issue. While we can avoid public statements until a construction decision is made, this will leave us legally vulnerable to any party who challenges the Agency on administrative procedure.

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6. We were also advised to make contact with cognizant authorities to revalidate acceptable traffic and utility loads. This is planned as part of the Scope of Work for the revised site plan and poses another potential source of premature publicity.

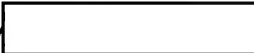
7. The NCPC representatives were open and helpful. During a short drive-through of the compound, they commented favorably on the quality of grounds maintenance and landscaping, and were shown examples of Agency compliance with earlier Commission recommendations. It is clear that at least the Commission Staff is impressed with the sincerity of the Agency in its dealings with NCPC.



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